

JAMES ROBERTSON AND
ELIZABETH JESSIE PHILLIPS
BAIRD

James Robertson Baird was born July 18, 1860 in Glasgow, Renfrewshire, Scotland, a son of John and Elizabeth Marshall Baird. He married Elizabeth Jessie Phillips on Nov. 29, 1884. She was born in Tipton, England, Aug. 29, 1865, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Nash Phillips. Their seven children included Thomas James, Vernor Edwin, John Marshall, Florence Ellen, William Harry, Josie and Evelyn. J. R. died Aug. 30, 1924 and Jessie died Feb. 3, 1938.

As a boy, J. R. worked with his father and brothers on the Baird Ranch in Lake Creek. Later he bought out his father and brothers and expanded the sheep business.

While fighting a forest fire in August of 1924 J. R. was caught in the flames and killed when a flaming tree fell on him.